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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Some British Comments on U.S./German Military and Intelligence Cooperation

1. [] reports that at a welcome luncheon for the newly arrived French Liaison Officer at Bonn, which was attended by all Allied Liaison Officers to the German Internal Security Service (BfV), Messrs. [] and [] of [] made the following comments on U.S./German cooperation regarding military and intelligence matters: They regretted that the U.S. had allied herself more closely with the Germans on military and intelligence matters than with the Allies and were quite blunt in expressing their feelings that the Americans had sold their souls to the Germans because of their frantic and hysterical desire to thwart Soviet military strength. In pursuing this topic, it became obvious that they felt we had not been truthful with them as to the extent of our past and planned cooperation with ZIPPER. [] was aware that General Gehlen had met former Colonel Truman Smith. Showing their awareness of the friction between CIA and G-2, Messrs. [] and [] stated that it wouldn't be long before ZIPPER defects to G-2, and that it was quite obvious that the Army was not only cultivating German military but also German intelligence officials.

2. A copy of the dispatch is attached.

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 Chief, Eastern European Division

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